

Elf Frank: Hello again from the North Pole news desk, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh of North Pole Radio News. Leon Day is soon to be upon us and that signals all kinds of activity all over the North Pole. Reporting from the North Pole Sleigh Port with a live report is my radio partner, Elf Crash Murphy. Crash, what's happening at the Sleigh Port today?

Elf Crash: Frank, believe it or not, but today is one of the busiest travel days of the year at the North Pole Sleigh Port, so I wanted to come here to see what is on the minds of travelers.

Elf Frank: Why is today so busy at the Sleigh Port, Crash?

Elf Crash: Leon Day is a deadline, Frank. All elves should be wrapping up their vacations this week and indeed it is pretty busy. Joining me here on his way home is famous professional Santa tracker, Elf Petey LaCroix. Petey, what's the rush for professional trackers like you to get home this week?

Elf Petey: Welp, I'm guessing this new sleigh is the project. I got an email about three weeks ago about meetings for us that will begin on Friday.

Elf Crash: Is that normal for professional trackers like you, Petey?

Elf Petey: Welp, no, it's a little quick. We have about a week of no-talk meetings next week then we're supposed to ship out to Camp Swampy for the usual boot camp. Then we are going to be sent out with the North Pole Navy.

Elf Crash: No talk meetings? What's that all about?

Elf Petey: That's just saying what we are going to work on and talk about and learn about and stuff will all be classified. We'll be receiving information that will be needed for our jobs but that we can't talk about to people like you in the media or with our families or other elves. It's not unusual with an all brand new sleigh like this. It just tells me that Santa's got something up his sleeve for Operation Merry Christmas this year. We'll see.

Elf Crash: Well, Petey, welcome back and thanks for sharing all that. Good luck with your meetings. Frank, Elf Petey is a good example of all the elves we see coming home at the Sleigh Port this week – they're fresh off some downtime and they are rushing back to get to work on Christmas.

Elf Frank: Thanks, Crash. It appears that Operation Merry Christmas is in full swing this week as we mark the halfway point of the season. From the North Pole news desk, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh reporting for SantaUpdate.com on the Kringle Radio Network.